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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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1. Attached are two tables containing the data requested by Bob Michaels, Senior Staff Member, Defense Subcommittee, House Appropriations Committee, on the composition of miscellaneous general cargoes imported by sea into North Vietnam in 1965 and on exports by North Vietnam to selected countries of the Free World for the first half of 1964 and first half of 1965.

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3. Data are insufficient for a valid estimate of North Vietnam's exports to the Free World in 1965. We have therefore provided data in Table 13, which is unclassified, on exports during the first half of 1964 and the first half of 1965 on North Vietnam's exports to France, West Germany, Japan, Malaya, and Hong Kong. These countries accounted for more than 30 percent of North Vietnam's exports to the Free World in both years. The data show that North Vietnam's exports to these countries in the first half of 1965 exceeded those of the first half of 1964. Shipping data, however, indicate that North Vietnam's exports to the Free World in the second half of 1965 were about 36 percent less than in the first half of 1965. Specifically the volume of coal exports to Free World countries decreased by 23 percent, cement exports by 53 percent, pig iron by 52 percent, and all other exports by 59 percent. Because these exports to the Free World provide the only significant source of foreign exchange for North Vietnam, the sharp decrease in exports to the Free World in the second half of 1965 represent a considerable loss to the economy of North Vietnam.

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Note on Table 13 -- North Vietnam Exports to Selected
Free World Countries, January-June
1964 and 1965

The data in Table 13 indicate that North Vietnam's exports to all Free World countries in the second half of 1965 exceeded those of the first half of 1964. Shipping data, however, indicate that North Vietnam's exports to the Free World in the second half of 1965 were about 36 percent less than in the first half of 1965. Specifically the volume of coal exports to Free World countries decreased by 28 percent, cement exports by 58 percent, pig iron by 54 percent, and all other exports by 59 percent. Because these exports to the Free World provide the only significant source of foreign exchange for North Vietnam, the sharp decrease in exports to the Free World in the second half of 1965 represent a considerable loss to the economy of North Vietnam.

Table 13

North Vietnam Exports to Selected Free World Countries, January-June 1964 and 1965 a/

Value and Commodity Distribution

	Thousand US Dollar	
	January-June 1964	January-June 1965
Total to all Free World Countries	<u>10,290</u>	<u>13,270</u>
Total to Selected Free World Countries	<u>8,337</u>	<u>11,044</u>
<u>Food, beverages, tobacco</u>	<u>1,317</u>	<u>757</u>
Meat and dairy products	253	239
Rice	589	161
Fruit and vegetables	5	73
Sugar, refined	241	25
Coffee and tea	118	115
Spices	33	42
Other	78	52
<u>Crude materials</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>462</u>
Oilseeds, nuts, and kernels	27	234
Feathers	87	8
Other	158	220
<u>Mineral fuels b/</u>	<u>5,493</u>	<u>6,973</u>
Coal	5,493	6,973
<u>Animal and vegetables oils and fats</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>274</u>
<u>Chemicals</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>133</u>

See footnotes on following page.

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Table 13

(continued)

	<u>January-June 1964</u>	<u>January-June 1965</u>
<u>Manufactured goods</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>2,415</u>
Lime	39	53
Cement c/	669	628
Pig iron	--	1,599
Tin, unwrought	419	--
Articles of plaiting materials	22	72
Other	30	63
<u>Other and unspecified</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>30</u>

- a. Commodity composition includes exports to Hong Kong, France, Japan, Malays, and West Germany.
 b. For January-June 1964 the Netherlands, Italy, and Belgium-Luxembourg received \$1,152,000 worth of coal and their total imports were \$1,294,000. For January-June 1965 Italy, the Netherlands, and Belgium-Luxembourg total imports were \$909,000.
 c. Cambodia principal import is cement, and for January-December 1964 cement imports amounted to \$1,014,000 out of total imports of \$1,266,000. The January-June total import figure for Cambodia is \$1,200,000.

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REMARKS: On 11 February I advised the DD/I (memorandum attached) of certain follow-up support to the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee which stemmed from the Director's presentation on 21 January. The attached packet completes this action. I don't believe it is sufficiently important to call to Jack's attention, but I wanted your records to be complete.		
for William N. Morell, Jr.		
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